

SUMMER RESORTS GET SMALL CROWD

Hotel Inspector Finds Proprietors Kicking From Mountains to Sea.

PARLOR MATCH CONDEMNED

Button Bill Indorsed by Insurance Men—Auto Licenses Reach 5,000.

Attendance at the summer resort hotels, both on the mountains and at the seashore, has been unusually small this summer, and proprietors have been complaining, although hoping for better things in August. Mr. H. K. Manninger, director of inspection for the State Health Department, and consequently hotel inspector, has observed this condition of affairs.

Many rooms are empty which in former years were filled. Hungry boarders invade dining rooms. Small lunches, because there are not enough to make a large bunch. The incense at mountain springs are not overworked while the ocean gray and melancholy waste has not washed the forms of so many visitors as in years past.

Why this is so, Dr. Manninger does not pretend to say. Whether the people are more prosperous than usual, and have gone to the Thousand Islands, or are waiting through the land with but one or two, is better known to the proprietors than to him. Or if, on the other hand, they have less means than formerly, and stay in the cities, or go to a farmhouse where there is the minimum of expense, he is equally uninformed. According to the practical part of his inspection, he finds conditions in summer hotels greatly improved. Sanitary arrangements are better than ever before, there is more activity in the abolition of dirt, and most important of all, the drinking water is better protected. The hotels are complying with the provisions of the State Board of Health regulations, which forbid taking water from wells with buckets, requiring pumps.

APPROVE BUTTON BILL

Insurance Commissioners Condemn Common Parlor Match.

Information that the Button match bill, prohibiting the use of dangerous parlor matches, which was promulgated before the last Legislature, was given during the past week by the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners, in session at Spokane, Wash. This bill is recommended to the Legislature of the State as one in the interest of the conservation of life, health and property.

Insurance Commissioner Joseph Button, of Virginia, an exponent of the convention, was prevented from attending because of the illness of Deputy Commissioner Breckman, but was re-elected a member of the executive committee.

The resolutions regarding the match bill, which was bitterly fought before legislative committees, are as follows:

Whereas, Elms due to the more hazardous forms of matches, as well as to carelessness in the use of all forms, have been responsible for a considerable part of the fire waste, as well as for numerous accidents and fatalities; and

Whereas, Largely through the influence of our associate, John Joseph Button, of Virginia, a model measure has been prepared, prohibiting the use of dangerous forms, and properly regulating the manufacture, storage, handling and sale of the approved form, he it

Resolved, That the national convention of Insurance Commissioners hereby endorse the measure known as the Virginia match bill, as amended by the National Fire Protection Association, approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and recently enacted in Louisiana, and recommended its adoption by the various legislatures in the interest of the conservation of life, health and property.

Resolved, That the convention also endorse the movement inaugurated this month by the Fire Marshals Association of North America looking to the drafting of a model fire marshal law.

Licenses Reach 5,000 Mark.

Automobile license No. 5,000 was issued yesterday to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, by William H. Rogers, of Big Stone Gap. This license also secured No. 4,999 on another machine. The total number of licenses issued this year up to closing time yesterday was 5,005, against a total of 3,029 during the entire year of 1911.

JOHNS' DIGESTIVE TABLETS

A REMEDY FOR DYSPEPSIA—INDIGESTION—GUARANTEED. L. D. Johns, 1123 Broadway, N. Y., U. S. A.

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Our Clearing Sale

Read these Prices

No explanation is needed—this sale is simply to clear up our summer goods, to put our store in order for the New Fall Fashions. There are still weeks of warm weather in which you can wear these light weight goods. And many of the suits are proper weight to take you up to snow-fall.

Distinctive Berry-Made Suits

\$35, \$38 and \$40 Suits at . . . \$24.75
\$28 and \$30 Suits at . . . \$21.75
\$25 and \$22 Suits at . . . \$17.75
\$18 and \$20 Suits at . . . \$12.75
\$15 and \$16 Suits at . . . \$ 9.75

Alterations free as usual; and our usual guarantee of full satisfaction or money back goes with every garment.

Every Oxford in the Sale

Be fore-handed, buy four! Our July Sale prices make it an economy for you to purchase two pairs and change every other day. It will rest your feet and pocket.



Sale of Negligee Shirts

\$1.50 Shirts at . . . \$1.15 | \$2.50 Shirts at . . . \$1.88
\$2.00 Shirts at . . . \$1.45 | \$3.50 Shirts at . . . \$2.45
Silks, solettes and madras.

All Straws at one-third off. | 50c Scarves at . . . 35c
Children's Straws one-half off. | 50c Silk Lisle Socks at . . . 35c
Bathing Suits that were \$3.50 at \$2.65; \$2.50 at \$1.95; \$1 at 65c.

The Boys' Sale is On, Too

SUITS THAT WERE \$2.45 at \$1.75
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\$5.50 and \$5.00 at \$3.75
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TAFT CONDEMNED BY PROGRESSIVES

Meeting at Tazewell Strongly Anti-Administration and Anti-Sleep.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Tazewell, Va., July 27.—A handful of the progressive Republicans of the county met in the courthouse here this afternoon and adopted a set of resolutions condemning the Taft administration, urging upon all Republicans

of the county who can do so to attend in estate convention to be held in Rye, Va., and pledged themselves to work for the nomination of a progressive candidate for Congress in the Ninth District.

The meeting was strongly anti-Taft and anti-sleep. The meeting was organized by the election of H. B. Bowen as chairman and Fred W. Pendleton as secretary. A resolutions committee, composed of W. B. F. White, T. C. Bowen and Walter Graham, retired to an adjoining room to prepare the resolutions, and in the absence of Colonel James Browning, of Peshawar, was called to the speaker's stand and made the only speech of the day. He stated that he had been kicked out of the Chicago convention, and had been kicked and knocked around in it, but felt very much like Clark's horse now.

"The meeting here to-day could not have been held in the strongest Republican county in Virginia, but for the fact that the Republican party in the State has betrayed the people into the hands of the enemy. Nine out of ten of the Republican voters in Virginia favored the nomination of Roosevelt, and yet the handful of Federal office holders controlled the Virginia delegation and misrepresented the will of the people at Chicago."

Colonel Browning exclaimed frequently throughout his speech: "What shall we do to be saved?"

Many of the leading Republicans of the county who stopped farm work long enough to come to town were much disappointed at the poor showing made by the Roosevelt supporters of the county.

W. T. Haynor.

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 27.—W. T. Haynor, of this city, passed away at his home here yesterday afternoon after two weeks of illness with typhoid fever. He had been a resident of this city for the past two years, during which time he was employed in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad shop at South Rocky Mount. He was about thirty-five years old, and leaves a wife and one child. The remains were taken to his old home in Jacksonville, N. C., where they were interred.

RECORD OF DEATHS BELOW LAST YEAR

Report of Petersburg Health Department for Month Ending July 26.

FOURTH SUICIDE IN MONTH

Council Delays Appropriation for Furnishing Adequate Water Supply.

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Petersburg, Va., July 27.—The report of the health department for the month ending yesterday, July 26, shows a total of six deaths in the city, included in which were seven non-residents brought here in ill, or desperately wounded condition, for treatment. The monthly mortality record is considerably below that of July of last year, and below the average for the same month for the past six years. While in July of last year seven cases of typhoid fever were under treatment, there were only seven cases this month, with no fatalities. The city is entirely free of smallpox.

Of the deceased, thirty-one were white and twenty-eight were colored. Nineteen deaths were reported among infants and children under five years of age, nine among adults between six and thirty years, and two of persons who had passed the age of forty years. There were nine deaths of tuberculosis and three of heart disease. Nine bodies were shipped away and ten brought to the city for burial.

A remarkable feature of the monthly mortality was the number of deaths by violence and accident. There were two suicides by shooting and one by poison. There were two deaths by drowning, and two deaths by train accidents. The two sisters, Blanche and Ruth Eversly, of Chesterfield, struck by the Cannonball train, their deaths resulted immediately afterwards in Petersburg.

The fifth record. There were ten births than death in the city during this month—the total being forty-nine. Whites, twenty-two; colored, twenty-seven.

Fourth Suicide in a Month. Edward Sandford, aged about twenty-eight years, committed suicide in the city jail this afternoon by drinking carbolic acid. He swallowed the poison a few minutes past 2 o'clock and in fifteen minutes was dead, though physicians were hurriedly summoned to relieve him. The bottle from which he drank the poison bore the label of a local druggist. It had a long neck, and as the suicide's lips were not burned, it is supposed the neck of the bottle must have been inserted far back in his mouth.

Sandford was a former employee of the Street Railway Company. He was arrested several weeks ago for non-support of his wife and children, and was put under bond to contribute a weekly sum to their support. A day or two ago his bondsman withdrew as security because he was not keeping his promise, and accordingly Sandford was arrested and put in jail. He was charged as every prisoner is when entering jail, but nothing was found on him. His mother visited at the dinner-hour to-day, bringing something to eat. It is not known how he secured the poison, but it is supposed he must have had it concealed somewhere about his person.

This was the fourth suicide in this city this month, two by carbolic acid and two by shooting.

Appropriation Delayed. A called meeting of the Common Council was held last night for the specified purpose of making an appropriation for the installation and operation of a hypochlorite plant for purifying the river water soon to be drawn upon for the city's consumption. Sixteen members were present, exactly the number necessary to make the appropriation. It was estimated that \$50 would be sufficient to install and operate the plant for one hundred days, and this amount was asked for last night. Objection was made on the ground that other matters connected with the use of the river water should be considered before the plant is installed, and as these matters were not mentioned in the call for the meeting, they could

Honest Advice to Consumptives

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"I BELIEVE PE-RU-NA SAVED MY LIFE."



Mrs. Charles Anspaugh, of Cromwell, Ind., says:

"Peruna has been a godsend to me. I can feel safe in saying that it saved my life, as I was all run down and was just miserable when I commenced taking your Peruna, but am on the road to recovery now. I cannot thank you too much."

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Many persons are making inquiries for the old-time Peruna. To such would say, this formula is now put out under the name of KATARNO, manufactured by KATARNO COMPANY, Columbus, Ohio. Write them and they will be pleased to send you a free booklet.

not be considered. A lengthy discussion ensued, finally resulting in the temporary defeat of the appropriation.

To avoid all further delay it was decided to call another meeting of the Council for Monday night and to specify in the call all phases of the water question. In the emergency that arose last year President Northrop, of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, granted the city the right to all the river water it needed to be drawn from the canal at the locks, and the city spent about \$10,000 in laying pipes to this point. The authorities of the railway, it is believed, will readily grant the same privilege now. The question is one which should impel every Councilman to be in his seat Monday night, and not leave the body to a bare quorum.

Civil Service Examination. A civil service examination for clerks and carriers in the postal service will be held at the post-office in this city and Norfolk on Tuesday, August 13. The age limit of applicants is eighteen to forty-five years. Married women are excluded, and women are eligible for appointment as clerks only.

Charge of Non-support. T. J. Stultz, a young white man, a painter, who has been in this city for some time following his trade, was arrested this morning on a warrant sent to the Chief of Police from Martinsville, charging non-support of his family. He was bailed in the sum of \$200 to await the arrival of the Martinsville sheriff, who is coming for him.

Facewell Service. Unless in the meantime he receives notice that his marching orders have been revoked, Adjutant Woods, who for three years has been in charge of the Salvation Army work in this city, will hold his farewell service tomorrow night at the Second Presbyterian Church. The adjutant has made many friends in the community and has done much good work. He has signed petitions to retain him here.

Fined for Trespass. In the Police Court this morning three men, Howard Irvin, John Smith and Jack Childs, were each fined \$10 for trespassing on the property of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Childs was fined an additional \$25 for carrying a concealed razor.

The Church on Temperance. At the recent session of the Petersburg and Vicinity Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church a statement of the historic position of American Methodism concerning the use of alcoholic liquors was made in the report of the committee on temperance. The report was adopted with the following resolutions:

First. We commend the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia for all of its work during the past year and pledge it our hearty support.

Second. In the approaching primaries and conventions for the election of party candidates for election to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, our people should be urged to elect those who are pledged to the prohibition of the sale of liquor in this territory, and should duly weigh their statements in determining their support.

Third. We hereby express our unequivocal stand against the dispensary and picnic system of liquor traffic, the two running within the bounds of our district.

Fourth. We congratulate those members of the House of Delegates who are representing the people who voted for the enabling act.

Fifth. We express to those Senators and members of the General Assembly, who voted against the enabling act, but regret our modification of that act as representatives of our people, they are doing the right thing, and thus denied to us, whom they were elected to represent, the right to vote upon this great moral issue. We are satisfied in doing this they represented the great majority of the intelligence and morality of their district.

Sixth. We urge our people to speak plainly and positively to their Senators, so that they may know with certainty our wishes in this matter, and properly represent us in 1914 upon this great moral issue.

Seventh. We also urge our people to the utmost care in returning members to the House of Delegates for the session of 1914 who will vote for the enabling act.

Eighth. That the secretary of this conference be requested to furnish a copy of this preamble and these resolutions to the various papers published within the bounds of our district with a request for their publication.

BOARD MEETING CALLED

Alldermen to Pass On School Buildings On Tuesday Night.

President Robert Whitte, of the Board of Aldermen yesterday called a special meeting of that body for Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, to consider the appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction of Bellevue and Sidney Schools. The former will cost \$110,000 and the latter \$80,000. At 9:30 o'clock a special meeting of the Common Council will convene for the purpose of taking up the question of smooth paving Broad Street.

Other meetings scheduled for the week are:

Monday—Committees on Streets, Water and Printing and Claims at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday—Committee on Local Assessments, Markets and Street Cleaning, at 8 o'clock.

PETERS STANDS BY ASPHALT BLOCK

Advocated Its Use in 1904 and Is Still Convinced of Its Superiority.

SAY BITULITHIC CAN'T WIN

Members Assert That Enough Votes Are Pledged in Council to Defeat It.

Broad Street merchants and members of the Common Council who are advocating asphalt block paving for the main shopping thoroughfare of the city declared yesterday that enough votes had been pledged to defeat the award of contract to the Atlantic Bitulithic Company.

On the heels of this claim, President R. Lee Peters issued a statement in which he said that his attitude was well known in 1904, and that he would use his best efforts to have the Council adopt the views expressed by the minority in the Street Committee, which will recommend asphalt block paving. Peters brought from his hiding place an interview printed in the Times-Dispatch on May 13, 1904, in which he showed why asphalt block and not bitulithic should be used in Grace and Franklin Streets. The success of that material, he contends, amply justifies his position eight years ago.

Declare Fight Is Won. The fight will be brought to a head in the lower branch on Tuesday night. Members of that body asserted that with a full attendance the bitulithic bid could not command the majority of more than sixteen votes, when twenty-one are required to approve it. Moreover, they asserted that the asphalt block proposition would win by a clean margin of four votes if all members who have promised their help are present and vote. The situation was somewhat changed yesterday, and the threatened deadlock seems to have been broken.

Referring to the published report that his attitude was well known, President Peters yesterday sent the following letter to The Times-Dispatch: "Enclosed you find a clipping from The Times-Dispatch dated May 13, 1904, giving my view on the asphalt block paving when the fight was on between the Asphalt Company and the Bitulithic Company for paving Grace and Franklin Streets. I was then chairman of the Street Committee and led in that committee for asphalt block paving. At that time that the asphalt block was the cheapest, best and most economical smooth paving material, and I am still of the same opinion. It has proven its worth conclusively in the last fourteen years it has been laid on our city streets and I am glad to say that it is now paving for Broad Street. The Council should not for one moment consider any other kind of smooth paving material. I have been tried here and have proven that they were not the kind of paving we should have."

The late Colonel William E. Cuthaw, after careful test and long study of the different smooth pavings, decided that the asphalt block was the best. He was a strong advocate of it. I congratulate the present City Engineer on the stand he has taken in trying to get the best paving for our city. I believe that when a man votes for any other smooth paving for Broad Street, he is not voting for the best interest of the city.

"I shall use my best efforts to have the Council adopt the views of the majority of the City Council, which will recommend the asphalt block paving."

WON'T ARREST BABY

They are getting tired of arresting baby in Henrico county now. After two boys of five and seven years, respectively, had been brought into court three weeks ago for trespassing and three little negroes had been locked up on Friday for stealing watermelons, a county officer yesterday absolutely refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of five youngsters who were accused of trespassing on a watermelon patch.

Frederick Smith, who lives near Seven Pines, told Officer Davis that he wanted to swear out a warrant against three little Watsons and two little Cooks for taking one of his melons. The ages of the boys, except for one big brother, who is fourteen, were from five to ten years.

"I refuse to serve a warrant on that young crew," said Officer Davis. "I will summon them, and they can come into court or not, just as their mothers want them to."

The little fellows were dismissed by Magistrate Puryear. George Watson, the big brother, was fined \$2.50 to show them that they must not be mischievous when they grow up.

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